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**Subject:** RE: USSL OU2: Ownership of road verges

Katherine:

The City has an easement in the grassy areas between the sidewalk and the curb. While the survey of any given parcel may show that area as belonging to the property owner, we have an easement for utilities in that area. The connection box ("buffalo box") to the City water supply is generally in that area.

If you have questions about specific locations, please provide the address and I can check the ownership.

And sorry for the delay in getting back to you - I thought i had sent the answer, but it was sitting in my "drafts".

Thanks,  
Carla

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Ms. Morgan,

EPA is currently reviewing plans related to the groundwater investigation at the USSL Superfund Site OU2, which covers the groundwater under the residential Zone 1, 2, and 3 areas. At this initial stage, possible locations for permanent groundwater monitoring wells are being evaluated and the road verges (strips of grass between the roadway and the sidewalk) were brought up as a possible option. Are the road verges are owned by the City of East Chicago or by the resident at the adjoining property?

Thank you for your assistance,  
Katherine

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